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Testimony in support of Section 304 of Senate Bill 1059
An Act Implementing the Recommendations of the Commission On Enhancing Agency
Outcomes

Good Morning Senator Slossberg, Representative Morin, and distinguished members of the Government Administration & Elections Committee. My name is Robert Silverberg. I'm the Managing Partner and Vice President of Government Affairs for Morris London. I am also one of the architects of Section 63 of Public Act 09-7 or in its original 2009 form, Senate Bill 1074, An Act Concerning Test Bed Technologies. I'm testifying today in support of Section 304 of Senate Bill 1059 which looks strengthen the original Test Bed Legislation.

In short, this legislation grants the Secretary of the Office of Policy & Management the authority to permit a state agency to take delivery of a technology for the purpose of "testing" its energy conservation efficacy. These technologies have been successfully vetted by accredited third party associations. These Associations include, but are not limited to, National Grid, Department of Energy, NYSERDA, Department of Environmental Protection, and so forth. The Test Bed Legislation was only the only piece of Energy public policy passed and signed into law during the 2009 legislative session. It passed the Energy & Technology Committee, House of Representatives and State Senate unanimously. Since its passage, several technologies have been introduced, demonstrated, and are on the verge of procurement by several different state agencies. Some of these technologies are delivering between 15% and 35% percent reduction in kilowatt hours used, creating the potential of substantial fiscal savings to these state agencies. Some of these technologies would produce an R.O.I. of less than 2 years and others can be financed out of a portion of the savings they produce, so no new money would be needed to procure the product. This legislation expedites the process in which state government can reduce its carbon foot print, and generate fiscal savings at the same time.

In 2010, I worked with members of the Pennsylvania General Assembly to introduce and enact legislation similar to that of Section 63 of Connecticut Public Act 09-7. The end result was Pennsylvania House Bill 2601 The Green Technology Implementation Act. Copies of which I can provide to members of the Committee upon request. This legislation passed the House Environmental Resources & Energy Committee 25-1 and passed the Pennsylvania House of Representatives 171-25. This legislation is now driving its way through the Pennsylvania State Senate as we speak. In conclusion, there are reasons Pennsylvania is looking to mirror the Connecticut Legislation and I had be happy to elaborate on that if you'd like. I've found some of those answers are applicable to Connecticut as well.